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THE DIRECTOR

August 23, 1962

Dear John:

With further reference to my letters of August 10 and August 17, ACDA's preliminary examination of alternative approaches toward a separate outer space measure has reached the stage where further inter-agency consideration of the matter will be necessary.

In order to be responsive to the President's request, which, you will recall, expresses interest in the extent to which national capabilities might support such a measure, it will be necessary for CIA, Defense, State, and ACDA to assess the effectiveness of present capabilities for detecting Soviet space launchings, for detecting satellites in orbit, and for determining the functions of satellites. It will also be important to consider presently planned or possible improvements of existing national capabilities.

Additional questions which have arisen in connection with our preliminary examination relate to assessment of any existing or prospective Soviet and United States capabilities for employing earth satellites for the delivery of nuclear weapons as well as capabilities for inspecting or neutralizing satellites in orbit.

In order to complete these assessments so that the matter may be considered by the full Committee of Principals and recommendations made to the President prior

The Honorable
John A. McCone,
The Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

State Dept. review completed

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to the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, we would like to arrange a staff level meeting as rapidly as possible. Dr. Franklin Long and Mr. Wreatham Gathright would represent ACDA at this meeting. Dr. Long is discussing this matter on a preliminary basis with Dr. Wheelon.

Sincerely,

William C. Foster

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